玻璃の花
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CHAPTER 17話
"THE WHEELS OF FATE HAVE BEGUN TO TURN"
稲荷家房之介
FUSANOSUKE INARIYA PRESENTS

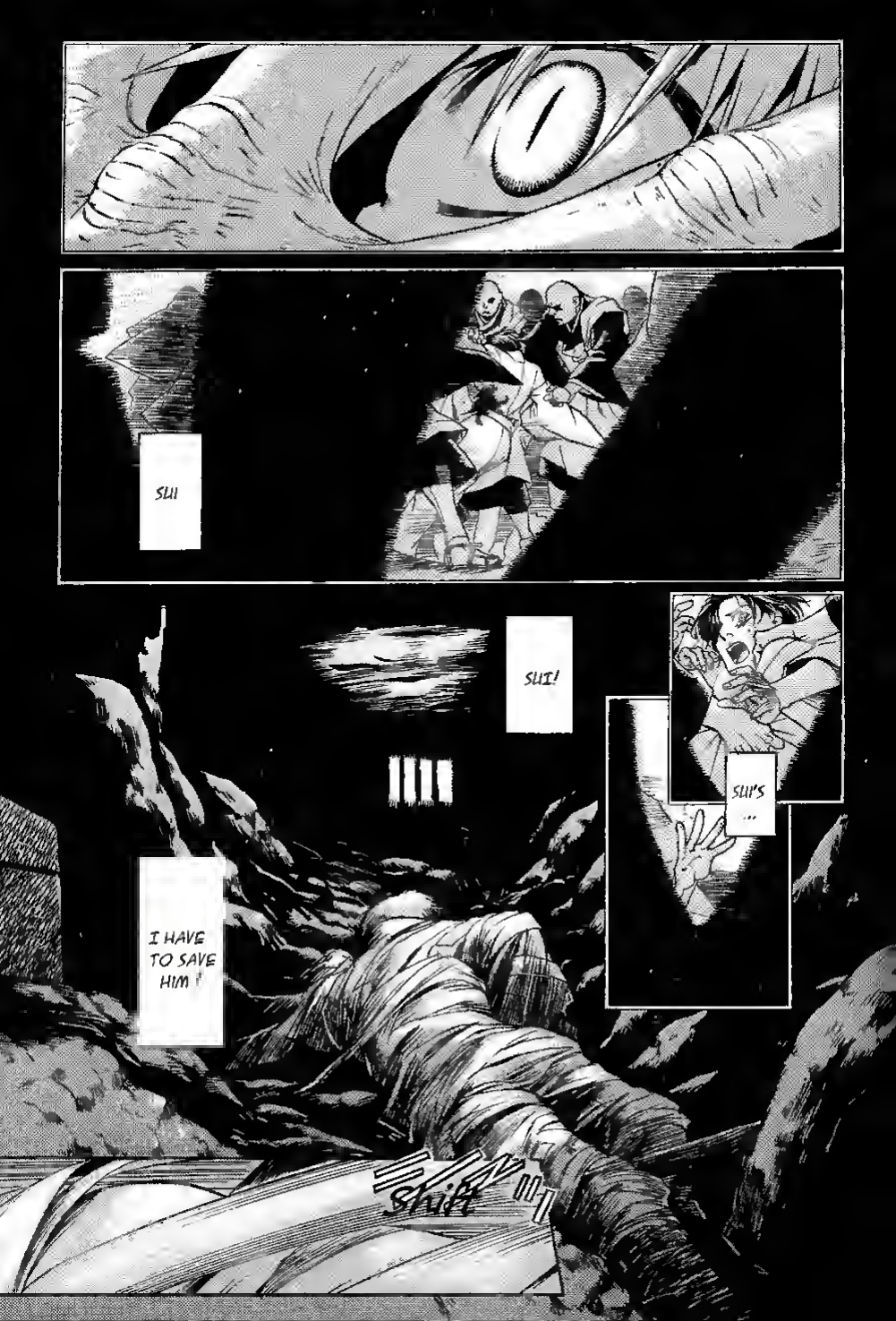
HM ...
THAT'S STRANGE ...
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH! SUI!
OH.
HUH!?
N-NO, I'M DOING FINE!!
FLAP
WHICH ONE? LET ME SEE.
IS IT A CHARACTER YOU CAN'T READ?

OH MY
THEY'RE UNWANTED LEFT-OVERS FROM THE LAST MASTER
I ASKED YOU TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'D FINISHED WITH TODAY'S WORK
SORRY ...
Eh- Heh ...
YOU'RE STILL PLAYING AROUND WITH THE RIDDLE PICTURES?
A MAZE?
YEP!
IT'S NOT ONE WHERE YOU TRY TO LEAVE,
BUT WHERE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE TREASURE IN THE MIDDLE
YOU TOLD ME HOW TO DO IT LAST TIME, RIGHT, SUI?
IF YOU GET MIXED UP AND LOSE YOUR WAY...
AND?
WHERE DID YOU GET LOST?
HERE!

NO MATTER HOW COMPLICATED ...
THEY'RE ALL CONNECTED
YOU THINK OF ONE LINE OF THE PUZZLE AS A WALL AND FOLLOW IT
YOU WILL ...
BE ABLE TO LEAVE EVENTUALLY
BUT THIS ONE
I CAN'T DO IT
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRY
I CAN'T LEAVE FROM HERE
I KEEP COMING BACK TO THE SAME DEAD END EVERY TIME
WHAT SHOULD I DO,
SUI?

SUI
...?
MY BODY ...
... HURTS ...

MY VOICE
WON'T MOVE
LEGS, TOO
MY ARMS ...
MY EARS
AM I EVEN ... ALIVE?


SUI
SUI!
SUI'S ...
I HAVE TO SAVE HIM!
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LUCKILY, IT APPEARS AS THOUGH YOUR ORGANS WERE NOT PIERCED
WITH THE BLOOD STOPPED,
AND A SPELL TO HELP. YOU SHOULD CALM DOWN
DRIVE OUT THE DEMON♦ CHILD ...
AND START OVER FROM SCRATCH
YOU HAVE TWO PATHS
NOW

♦ *Kijin in text*

THE WOUND!
OR ...
IT'S PROBABLY ...
DUE TO THE DEMON BLOOD THAT TOUCH IT...
ONE OF THE IMPERIAL BLOODLINE HAS BECOME TAINTED ...
THAT'S ...
CAN YOU NOT EXORCIZE HIM?!
...NOT SOMETHING WE CAN PUT A SEAL ON. IT'S A METAMORPHOSIS FROM THE MIX OF FLESH AND BLOOD
THERE'S NO NEED FOR SUCH MEASURES ..

AS LONG AS...
YOU CAN STILL USE THIS BODY, THERE'S NO PROBLEM, RIGHT?
EVEN IF THERE'S DAMAGE TO THE FLESH
SOON ENOUGH IT WILL STOP SPREADING
SHADOWS ARE DRAWN TO SUCH SOULS

YOU COULDN'T..
...HAVE WANTED A FORM MORE SUITED TO YOUR PURPOSES
THAN THIS, CORRECT?
AJARI...
I WILL GIVE YOU THIS BODY.
HOWE-VER
DO WITH IT WHAT YOU WILL
YOU MUST...
GRANT ME ONE PROMISE
CRUNCH

SUI
...
SLIDE
SUI
...
GRIP

SUI?!
BUT, WHY?

ARE YOU...
MY VOICE ...
JUST LEAVING ME HERE?!
WON'T WORK
YOU'RE LEAVING WITH THEM?!
WHY?
WHY?
SLAU

WHAM
THUMP
I GUESS THEY WERE GOING TO ERASE YOU, AFTER ALL
YOU'LL GET NOTHING FROM SHOWING THEM ANY MERCY.
SHUM
SHOW
TRIP

CLANG
I'M PRIEST DOUMA
OF HARIMA NO KOUNI, ASHIYA
AND SUIKEI-DONO ...
HAS ENTRUSTED YOU TO ME
TBC